## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## DISTRICTS 6 AND 8 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

Wrangell. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the drift gillnet fishery in Districts 6 and 8 will be extended for an additional 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 1.

District 6: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 1, with the following restrictions:

<u>Section 6-D</u>: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60′ N. latitude, 132°42.70′ W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point;

<u>Salmon Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light to the westernmost tip of Fire Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 1, with the following restrictions:

<u>Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area</u>: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

<u>Kunk Creek</u>: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82′ N. latitude, 132°22.98′ W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

This announcement was made on the fishing grounds via VHF radio at approximately 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 31.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S3813.

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